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NEW ORLEANS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

New Orleans, May 4th, 1846.

Be it resolved, That this Chamber highly approves of the **COMMERCIAL REVIEW**, a periodical established in this city by J. D. B. De Bow, Esq., and recommends it to the patronage of the commercial community.

SAMUEL J. PETERS, *President.*

CHARLES BRIGGS, *Secretary.*

SIR: I prefix a copy of a resolution, passed *unanimously* at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of this city, last evening.

Respectfully,

CHARLES BRIGGS, *Sec.*

To J. D. B. De Bow, Esq.

CHARLESTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Charleston, October 26th, 1846.

At a meeting of the Chamber, held this evening, the following resolutions were, after a few preparatory remarks, introduced by Col. J. Gadsden, and being seconded, were adopted by the Chamber.

Resolved, That the **COMMERCIAL REVIEW**, edited in New Orleans by our fellow-citizen, J. D. B. De Bow, Esq., is a work well calculated to exercise a most favorable influence on the Commercial interests of the South and West.

Resolved, That the zeal and talent with which it has been commenced, and the able articles which have appeared in its pages (as foreshadowing on the future the promises of the past), strongly recommend the *Review* to the patronage of the Southern community, and that the Chamber of Commerce of Charleston feel gratified at the opportunity of presenting to the public this testimony in its favor.

On motion of A. Moise, jr., Esq.,

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mr. De Bow, and that they be published in the daily newspapers of the city.

Extract from the minutes.

WILLIAM B. HERIOT, *Secretary.*

SOUTHERN RAILROAD CONVENTION.

Columbia, S. C., May, 1846.

On motion of A. G. Summer, Esq.,

Resolved, That it is with pleasure we learn our late fellow-citizen, J. D. B. De Bow, Esq., now of New Orleans, hereafter intends to devote a large portion of the **COMMERCIAL REVIEW** to the railroad interest in the South; we therefore heartily recommend that work to the patronage of those persons interested in such enterprises.

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PROSPECTUS TO THE THIRD AND FOURTH VOLUMES.

THIS work has been regularly published nearly two years. Its success has been signal throughout the whole SOUTHERN AND WESTERN COUNTRY, and its subscription list steadily and rapidly increased there and in other sections of the Union. In this brief period it has gained a larger circulation than any other Southern work, and the strongest influence. Complimentary letters and notices have been received from every source, even the very highest, as could be shown did space permit. The COMMERCIAL REVIEW has advocated and upheld the

Commerce and Agriculture of the Southern and Western States,
and exhibited from time to time their complete

STATISTICS,

in such a manner as could not but have secured the best results. The papers which have appeared upon SUGAR and upon COTTON, upon TOBACCO and Rice, and MANUFACTURES, upon THE PROGRESS OF OUR COMMERCIAL RELATIONS with all nations, and upon Mexico, may be stated as examples. Indeed, this has been admitted from many sources. Although devoted in its aims to the development and exhibition of the

Resources of the South and West,
the Commercial Review neglects no view of

American and European Industry and Enterprise,

in every department, and must be of equal value to AMERICAN CITIZENS wherever they are found. Is there a section of the union, too, or an interest which has no concern with the progress and resources of the GREAT WEST, of which the Commercial Review is the faithful exponent?

COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

TESTIMONIALS.

If the Index of contents now published were not sufficient evidence of what the work has been and is, we might remark that it has been highly commended to us, among others, by the Hon. Henry Clay, Hon. J. C. Calhoun, Hon. J. Q. Adams, Hon. Levi Woodbury, Hon. E. Burke, Patent office, Hon. Abbot Lawrence, Hon. Joel R. Poinsett, the most important chambers of Commerce, etc., etc. A host of letters might be easily published, and notices from Journals of highest character; as the *Union* and *National Intelligencer*, *Courier and Enquirer*, *Charleston Courier*, *Mercury*, *Patriot*, and *News*, *New York Courier and Enquirer*; all the New Orleans papers and others throughout the country—*Skinner's Farmers' Library*, *Hunt's Merchants' Magazine*, *Simmond's London Colonial Review*, etc., etc.

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At the opening of a FOURTH VOLUME, it is well to state that there are many great and important improvements now in course of preparation, which must add greatly to the interest and value of the Review, some of which this number will evidence.

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The subscription price will be unchanged, but the greatest promptness in payments will be required from subscribers. We beg each of them to make use of this paper in acting as our friendly agent to increase the circulation. We would be glad to present our work without charge, for one year, to any one who would procure three permanent subscribers and forward us the money in advance.

We have kept our promises in the past, as the *Commercial Review* will evince, and shall keep them in future.

COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

Bound Volumes of Commercial Review for 1846.

We are happy to announce that a *reprint* of these in *two handsome Volumes* will be issued about the 1st of November from the press. The style of execution and finish is most superior. As the numbers for 1846 have great value and were much sought, and as we have not been able to furnish them for many months back to our orders, this *re-publication* must pass through a very large edition. We have not, however, ventured to print many at first, but only to supply our orders, &c. Those persons who would complete their sets, had better do so at once; and all of our subscribers, new as well as the old, will be furnished the Volumes for 1846, *bound in very superior style*, for the subscription price remitted us, *without any extra charge for binding*. We are ready to supply from the beginning, and offer these accommodations that all may have the work complete. This arrangement to extend to no other Volume.

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Letters in relation to the Review will be directed, post-paid, to the editor, J. D. B. De Bow, or to the publisher,

B. F. DE BOW,

Office of Commercial Review, New Orleans.

It is desirable that all past accounts shall be early closed; agents will please exert themselves. Specimens of the Review for examination will be sent to responsible persons who apply.

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COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

We will be pardoned for extracting from the mass of notices in our possession two or three which happen at this instant to be at hand. It is better, however, that the work should speak for itself.

From Hunt's Merchants' Magazine.

"DE BOW'S COMMERCIAL REVIEW for May contains much valuable matter of a Commercial and Miscellaneous character. It has reached its *seventeenth* Number, which is, in our opinion, the best of the series. Success to our name-sake.

"The No. for June and July opens with an elaborate and highly interesting paper, on the 'Romance of Louisiana History,' from the pen of the Hon. Charles Gayarre, Secretary of that State. There are also articles of value to the agricultural interests of the South, on the introduction of new products, as the vine, the cork, camphor, flax, etc.; and the cotton-worm, in its history, character, visitations, etc., forms the subject of another article. Dr. Hort, of New Orleans, has furnished a scientific analysis of Texas sugar soils. But the paper which has interested us the most, is that entitled 'COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE SUBJECTS OF UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTION,' from the pen of the accomplished editor of the Review, in which he submits the plan of a Professorship of Public Economy, Commerce, and Statistics for our Colleges and Universities. The plan has our hearty approval, and will, we trust, ere long be adopted by some of our higher institutions. The article on 'CHARLESTON AND ITS RESOURCES,' we shall endeavor to find room for in a future number of this Magazine."


From the New Orleans Commercial Times.

"DE BOW'S COMMERCIAL REVIEW.—This able exponent of the position, exigencies, prospects, &c., of the trade and commerce, the agriculture and manufactures of the South and West, comes to us in its present issue in a double form, containing the June and July numbers under one cover. There are fifteen original articles, each of which has its particular merit. They treat of subjects embracing almost every interest connected with the development of Southern and Western prosperity, and we may add, indeed, in reference to the first article, of Southern and Western refinement. Article No. 5 is eminently deserving notice, as the matter brought forward in it is of a character that imperatively addresses itself to our most prominent interest. Shall not Commerce have a chair in the newly established University of Louisiana—Commerce, the all-in-all of our wealth? We concur with the editor, that without a Professorship of 'Statistics'—a science embracing such a variety of subjects, all united under the head of Industry, in its various applications, remote and near—the University will be comparatively a lifeless, inert mass, while 'STATISTICS' will strip it of its monkish dullness and passiveness, and invest it by its practical quality, with that vitality which shall be, and is, characteristic of our age and nation. The whole publication, in its several departments, evinces talent and extraordinary industry."

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"The great industry and ability with which this periodical has addressed itself to the wants and practical interests of the people of the South and West, have secured for it a high and established reputation, and many powerful and zealous friends among the most enlightened and productive classes in this and contiguous States. Already have many articles appeared in it which have been deemed of inestimable benefit to those engaged in Sugar and Cotton culture. Of some of these articles, it has been said by citizens of Louisiana, distinguished alike by their private excellence and public zeal, that each of them was worth the subscription price of twenty years to the work. Their value is not imaginary or prospective, but immediate and real, and comes home to the daily pursuits of the planter and merchant and all interested in increasing the wealth of the South-west.

"The Review improves with every succeeding number. It has been greatly beautified in typographical execution and otherwise lately, and is now one of the most handsome monthly periodicals in the world, as well as decidedly the most practical, laborious and useful publication of the kind with which we are acquainted."

 A splendid steel engraving of Stephen Girard accompanies the September No.—the first of a series of "Eminent Merchants."

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